

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Starke

LCC: Drug Free Starke County

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: Eliminate and prevent alcohol and drug abuse in Starke County, Indiana by developing and implementing a County wide comprehensive plan in the areas of prevention, treatment, and justice.

History: Drug Free Starke County was organized on May 13, 1988 by Fred Lintner, who was at the time the director of the District One Prevention District Coordinating Office through a PDCO grant from the Division of Addiction Services, Indiana Department of Mental Health. The initial leadership consisted of Nancy Gappa, R.N. as chairperson, Reverend John Poppe as vice-chairperson and Tim Price and Habo Runkle as co-treasurers.

The LCC has met monthly since its inception and has struggled at times to maintain a viable membership base. The LCC has supported local projects and initiatives through allocation of the local drug-free community fund in the areas of prevention/education, treatment and law enforcement/judicial. One of the main projects that the LCC has been sponsoring over the last years is the Red Ribbon Placemat Contest during the Red Ribbon Week in October. We ask each of the three school corporations (Knox, Oregon Davis, and North Judson/San Pierre) to have youth in grades one through five in an anti-alcohol, tobacco, and other drug placemat-making contest. The placemats are voted on and there are winners from each school corporation. The winners and their families are invited to a ceremony in the Circuit Court Courtroom where they receive recognition and prizes for their winning placemats. The posters are also made into placemats and distributed to the local restaurants all throughout the county. Last year we had 10,000 placemats printed and distributed.

Since 1999, we have succeeded in boosting our membership. Attendance at our monthly meetings has improved dramatically. In October of 2001, we hired a paid part-time coordinator to coordinate committees, meeting notices, mailings, etc. The coordinator is paid through the local drug-free fund.

The Committee has funded education, treatment, and justice. We have done compliance checks on retail sales of tobacco to underage youth and participated in Operation Pullover for drunk drivers. In 2006 the Prevention Committee has hosted a town hall meeting dealing with underage drinking and sponsored a community Meth Workshop. As a result of the success of these two events we are creating a "roadshow" that will travel to different areas of the county to inform the public about underage drinking and meth use in the county.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: The enclosed plan represents a broad-based approach on the ATOD problems in Starke County. Starke County is a rural area with a population of approximately 23,500 residents. Of those 23,500 residents, a little over 5,000 of them are youth between the ages of 3-17 with 3,000 of those living below the 200% poverty level. According to the Prevention Resource Center's Prevention Needs Indices, we have a high rate of ATOD problems, personal risk factors, and family risk factors. The PRC also reports a high-risk ratio for alcohol and binge drinking, tobacco, marijuana, and inhalants. We also show a higher school drop out rate and academic difficulty rate, which we are sure, is linked to the high ATOD use/abuse among county residents. We have identified six areas that we feel are current problems that need to be addressed. These six areas are: lack of substance abuse treatment services that are affordable and available; the high level of alcohol and other drug abuse among the adult population; the high level of alcohol and other drug abuse among middle and high school students; the high incidence of drunk driving and alcohol related crashes; the lack of criminal justice and social services to handle the caseload of alcohol and other drug offenses; and the high incidence of methamphetamine use and clandestine labs.

Drug Free Starke County meets regularly on the second Wednesday of every month. There are four separate sub-committees (Prevention/Education, Treatment, Justice and Tobacco), which also meet on a regular schedule.

The current group is committed to continue in their high efforts and work on decreasing the alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use/abuse among residents of Starke County.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Drug Free Starke County

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Judy Jelinek	Starke Co. Health Department	Caucasian	Female	Health Services
William Rentschler	Oregon Davis School Corporation	Caucasian	Male	Education
Jennie Carter	Drug Free Starke County	Caucasian	Female	Coordinator of LCC
Robert Sims	Starke County Sheriff's Office	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Fred Lintner	Porter Starke Services	Caucasian	Male	Treatment
Rick Chambers	Knox City Police	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Gayle Healy	North Judson-San Pierre High School	Caucasian	Female	Treatment/Education
Susie Matzat	North Judson - San Pierre Junior High School	Caucasian	Female	Treatment/Education
Kristi Nolcheff	Starke County Probation	Caucasian	Female	Judiciary/Probation
Kevin Kroft	Starke County Commissioner	Caucasian	Male	Local Government

Chris Ross	Knox Middle School	Caucasian	Male	Treatment/Education
Terri Schmidt	Knox High School	Caucasian	Female	Treatment/Education
Cecelia Christenson	Knox High School - SADD	Caucasian	Female	Education
Rev. George Heyboer	First Baptist Church	Caucasian	Male	Faith
Sheridan DeCastro-Dubas	American Cancer Society	Caucasian	Male	Health Services
Irene Szakonyi	Starke Youth Club	Caucasian	Female	Youth Services
Mike Haugh	Community in Schools	Caucasian	Male	Treatment/Education
Kelly Manning	Community in Schools	Caucasian	Female	Treatment/Education
Mary Geisel	Starke County Public Library	Caucasian	Female	Education
Ellen Dodge	Starke County Public Library	Caucasian	Female	Education
Jane Ellen Felchuk	North Judson-Wayne Township Library	Caucasian	Female	Education
Leo Smith	Porter Starke Services	Caucasian	Male	Treatment
Carmen Arlt	Porter Starke Services	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
Linda Molenda	Starke County Chamber of Commerce	Caucasian	Female	Business Community Education
Richard Weiczorek	Starke County Tourism Commission	Caucasian	Male	Education
Mike Weaver	Porter Starke Services	Caucasian	Male	Treatment

Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Residents in need of substance abuse treatment services face a shortage of options in general, especially affordable services.

Supportive Data:

Sixty-one percent of the clients treated by Porter Starke Services are at or below the poverty level.

- Limited psychiatric or psychological services exist in Starke County.
- Currently there is approximately a one week waiting period for adults awaiting non-emergency assessment for drug and alcohol abuse.
- Currently the only aftercare services available in Starke County are A.A., N.A., tobacco support groups for smokers who have quit or are in the process of quitting.
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Year 1 Update:

- **Porter Starke Services is now showing 80% of the clients from Starke County are at or below poverty level**
- **We have a new psychiatrist in town as of August 2006.**
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Objectives:

- **Consult with other agencies that have “good” services to see what kind of assistance they have received from various state, federal, and other charitable organizations**

- **Refer more probationers who accrue technical violations for substance abuse related offenses or violations to the Technical Rule Violation program offered through the Indiana Department of Correction.**
- **Coordination of availability of treatment programs, treatment sites and hours provided. Transportation is one of the biggest obstacles facing residents in need of services**
- **Expand the diversion program to assist treatment with drug and alcohol offenders**
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- **Establish effective aftercare programming, being careful to not limit aftercare for a specific period of time**
- **Continuation and/or expansion of existing services, de-tox and halfway houses. Support the use of the after-care halfway house that is now open in Porter County**
- **Continue to support the STOP and Parenting Wisely computer-based, scientific program that juveniles and their families can self-administer.**
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- **Have a resource breakfast or lunch for the community. We should partner with Porter Starke Services to provide this informational meeting.**
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Year 1 Update:

- **New potential partners for treatment services have been identified, meetings are being arranged to find out more information.**
- **We will plan a resource meeting with Porter-Starke Services , then plan a meeting with the community. This needs more work**
- **We will continue to work on the existing objectives.**
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Goals: There will be sufficient treatment options for those in need of them.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- **To review current services and areas of need by July 2006.**
- **To develop new and expand current services by 15% by December 2007.**
- **Due to change of coordinator's this year the July review was not completed this should be completed by December 2006.**
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Problem Statement #2: There is a high incidence of alcohol and other drug abuse among the adult population of Starke County.

Supportive Data:

- In 2002, 60% of adult criminal convictions in the Starke County Court were drug and alcohol related offenses.
- In 2003, 30% of adult criminal charges in Knox City Court were drug and alcohol related offenses.
- There were 110 OWI charges filed. 61 PI charges filed. 16 Illegal Possession of Minor's charges filed as misdemeanors in the Knox City Court in 2003.
- In 2003, our local shelter, The Caring Place, noted that 40% of the crisis calls were drug or alcohol related.

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Year 1 Update:

- New data is not available as the area police departments have not shared that information this year.
- Coordination with the police and probation to report information on a monthly basis is in the works. New coordinator has talked to Sheriff's department and probation about monthly reporting.
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Objectives:

- Continue to support the Drug Task Force in their effort to encourage the community to report suspected drug activity.
- Continue the participation from the local law enforcement agencies in Operation Pullover. Encourage the local police departments to apply for state grants.
- Mandate drug testing for probationers, substance abuse offenders, and CHINS cases using urinalysis and or the drug abuse detection patch.
- Require assessment and courses of treatment for adult offenders who are convicted of substance abuse related offenses.
- Promote Employee Assistance Program to local employers.
- Increase treatment and aftercare availability.
- Have a booth at the county fair and other opportunities to educate adults on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- Encourage attendance of AA/NA meetings maintaining longevity to increase the likelihood for long term sobriety, especially for post treatment after an offender's probation period ends.
- Encourage the Probation Office to continue to monitor the prescription drug use/abuse of probationers.
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Year 1 Update:

- **Continue with the current objectives**
- **Support implementation of programs to discourage alcohol abuse.**
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Goals: The level of alcohol and other drug use/abuse among adults will decrease.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- **To review and document the number of alcohol and other drug offenses by December, 2007.**
- **Reduce the number of alcohol and other drug offenses by at least 10% by December 2007.**
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Problem Statement #3: There continues to be a high level of alcohol and other drug use/abuse and associated risky behavior among middle and high school aged youth.

Supportive Data:

- According to the Knox City Police Department, we had 18 alcohol related juvenile arrests in 2004.
- According to the Probation Department, 44 percent of the juvenile referrals were substance abuse related in 2003.
- The three school corporations in Starke County participated in two ATOD surveys in 2003, which showed a high level of use of alcohol among juveniles.
- The Probation Department reports that over 60 percent of juveniles placed on probation were either placed there due to a substance related offense or having previously committed a substance related offense.
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Year 1 Update:

- **New statistics are not available at this time. New coordinator has spoken with the Sheriff's Department and Probation about the need for monthly reporting of information. Both departments have agreed to monthly reporting on forms provided by the Drug Free Coordinator.**
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Objectives:

- **Train school personnel and administrators on alcohol and drug interventions.**
- **Enhance student assistance programs and expand to all schools through the enhanced DARE curriculum.**

- **Continue to support the local law enforcement in their efforts of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.**
- **Continue to support and enhance community activities such as the Drug-Free-Double Dare, Red Ribbon Placemat Contest, and our Parent/Teacher Education Day.**
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Year 1 Update:

- **We will continue with current objectives.**
- **Drug Free held a townhall meeting on underage drinking in the community. The event was attended by 45 people. After the event there were requests to hold more events like this in the future.**
- **We plan to hold more town hall meeting events to discuss underage drinking and teen drug use/abuse.**
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Goals: The level of alcohol and other drug use/abuse among youth will decrease.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- **By September 2007, show a 15% reduction in ATOD use/abuse among our youth.**
- **We will reevaluate this listed benchmark. At this time measurement of the reduction of ATOD use/abuse is difficult.**
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Problem Statement #4: There is a high incidence of drunk driving and alcohol related crashes in Starke County.

Supportive Data:

- According to the Knox City Police Department they had 119 OWI's in 2003.
- According to the 2000 Crash Facts Book from the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving, Starke County had 51 alcohol related crashes with 3 fatalities and 41 people injured.
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- No new statistics at this time.
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Objectives:

- Continue to have the law enforcement agencies participate in Operation Pullover.
- Increase routine traffic patrols targeting drunk drivers and schedule them for times when alcohol consumption may be high.
- Require all licensed drivers when obtaining or renewing their driver's license to receive information on alcohol use/abuse and the laws concerning drinking and driving. We will distribute this information to all BMV's and Driver's Education classes.
- Encourage and support treatment for those convicted of drunk driving especially while incarcerated.
- To encourage the use of designated drivers and support designated driver programs.
- Recommend that all police agencies apply for available state grants.
- Track the re-lapse rate for IOP's
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Year 1 Update:

- **Include more organizations as partners in order to reach more people with the message of needing to reduce alcohol related crashes.**
- **Work with police departments to receive more current statistics of alcohol related crashes.**
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Goals: The level of drinking and driving will decrease

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- **The number of alcohol related crashes will be reduced by September 2007.**
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Problem Statement #5: The increase in alcohol and other drug use/abuse caseload on the existing criminal justice system and social service agencies.

Supportive Data:

- Alcohol and other drug criminal cases have been in excess of 60 percent
- The local jail is at or over capacity.
- Presently, Starke County jail inmates do not receive any alcohol or other drug treatment and AA/NA meetings cannot be scheduled due to lack of space and confidential meeting rooms.
- Approximately 50 offenders were assessed, recommending some type of substance abuse services.
- Currently there is a 40 day wait for evaluation at Porter-Starke Services.

Year 1 Update:

- **There is a 40 percent anticipated increase in the number of client contacts quarterly in the Knox Porter-Starke Services office.**
- **40 percent of DUI arrests in Starke County "disappear" without a conviction**
- **In 2005, alcohol and other drug criminal cases increased to over 65 percent of all cases.**
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Objectives:

- **Look for ways to provide jail treatment programs as well as AA/NA meeting opportunities.**
- **Maintain, expand, and develop more jail diversion programs.**
- **Encourage and support the addition of staff to the probation department that is educated in substance abuse counseling.**
- **Continue to support the use of drug screening to monitor offenders.**
- **Support and advocate for a locally based detoxification center.**

- **Support community assignments of individuals interested in helping offenders maintain sobriety. Encourage the support of churches and volunteers.**
- **Encourage and support increasing the availability of social services for those who are in the criminal justice system.**
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Year 1 Update:

- **Continue with our current objectives**
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Goals: There will be an increase in the level of services through the criminal justice system and social service agencies to handle the increase in cases. There will also eventually be a decrease in the recidivism rate thus reducing the increase in caseloads.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- By December 2007, there will be at least one new or expanded current program for inmates in the jail.
- By December 2007, there will be a decrease of 10 percent of individuals going through the criminal justice system with alcohol and other drug related offenses.
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Problem Statement #7: Starke County is experiencing a major problem with Methamphetamine manufacturing, distribution, and abuse.

Supportive Data:

- In 2003, there were 58 methamphetomine arrests in Starke County.
- In 2003, there was one death due to a methamphetamine lab fire in Starke County
- In 2003, there were 23 methamphetamine lab cases and 11 cases where the clandestine team was used in Starke County.
- In 2003, Starke County police also assisted other counties in five methamphetamine lab cases.

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Year 1 Update:

- **No new statistics at this time. The Sheriff's department will be reporting this information on a monthly basis and working with Drug Free Starke County stay up to date on statistics.**
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Objectives:

- **Continue to work to increase community awareness of problem, signs, symptoms, etc.**
- **Develop, locate, and utilize methamphetamine specific treatment for abusers.**
- **Evaluate effectiveness of implementing methamphetamine -specific supervision programs for convicts in the criminal justice system.**
- **Continue to support aggressive police investigation and prosecution in order to restrict distribution.**
- **Encourage the Prosecuting Attorney to develop a system for determining the amount of Drug Interdiction Fee to be recommended to the Court at sentencing and not lock in an amount in the plea bargain agreement.**
- **Encourage and support local vendors to follow new state guidelines in regards to the sale of precursors.**
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Goals: The level of methamphetamine use/abuse will decrease. The production and distribution of methamphetamine will decrease.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- In 2006, hold at least one community educational program featuring and exposing the extent of the problem.
- By 2007, have in place a methamphetamine-specific treatment program or locate a program which Starke County people can be referred to for help.
- By 2007, develop a model in the probation department for supervising drug-related cases more effectively.
- A meth workshop was held in June of 2006, was well attended by the community. More meth workshops will be scheduled for the 2006/2007 year.

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Problem Statement #8:

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Next Annual Update Due:

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due:

Date of Community Consultant Review:

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The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a “denied approval” by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a “denied approval” by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

Initials:

STARKE COUNTY LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES FUND INFORMATION

1. In 2005 the STARKE County Auditor's office deposited \$23,100.00 into the Drug Free communities fund from fees collected

*\$154,540.68 is the balance rolled over from unused funds in past years.

*\$ 99,000.00 total amount available for 2005/2006 programs and administrative costs.

*\$13,500.00 allocated for administration costs leaving \$85,500.00 available for 2005/2006 programming.

* Fund allocation by category, including a brief description of the purpose of the grant funding.

* The funding year started in October 2005 and ended September 30, 2006

2. Fund allocation by category including brief description.

CATEGORY	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
TREATMENT	Porter Starke Services – Indigent treatment offset funds for adults from Starke County	\$14,000
TREATMENT	Porter Starke Services – Indigent treatment offset funds for adolescents	\$9,000
TREATMENT	Chris Ross Addiction Recertification- Chris was recertified with CADAC for addiction treatment	\$400
TREATMENT	North Judson – San Pierre Middle School Cessation	\$750
TREATMENT	Knox Middle School and High School Funds for providing treatment to students as needed	\$4,200
TREATMENT	The Caring Place – Treatment for residents of Phoenix House Shelter for battered women	\$150
	TREATMENT TOTALS	\$28,500
PREVENTION	Project Dare (Provide education in the schools throughout Starke County in drug prevention)	\$8,000
PREVENTION	Double Dare – Teams of Students compete for prizes by answering the questions about drugs and alcohol	\$2,000
PREVENTION	Tar Wars – 4 th grade anti-tobacco program	\$3,000
PREVENTION	4-H Fair – Tobacco Free Day at Starke County Fair-Booth at the 4-H Fair and Prizes for answering ATOD questions and spinning prize wheel	\$3,000
PREVENTION	Red Ribbon Events – Red Ribbon Kickoff Event and bracelets for students in all schools county wide and speakers for each school district	\$4,500
PREVENTION	The Caring Place – ATOD education for the residents of Phoenix House Shelter for battered women	\$150
PREVENTION	Prom Anti-Alcohol Promotion-Funds for each school prom in county if they would use no prom promotions with an alcohol theme	\$750
PREVENTION	Center for Family Conflict Resolution – After	\$500

	School Anti Drug and Alcohol program for middle school students	
PREVENTION	Knox Middle School Drug Curriculum	\$1,600
PREVENTION	North Judson – San Pierre Middle School Motivational Program Against ATOD	\$800
PREVENTION	North Judson – San Pierre Middle School Red Ribbon T-Shirt contest and prizes	\$2,000
PREVENTION	North Judson – San Pierre ATOD Books for classrooms	\$400
PREVENTION	North Judson – San Pierre Drug Free Materials	\$1,300
	PREVENTION TOTAL	\$28,000
JUSTICE	Starke County Tactical Narcotics Taskforce – Combined effort of the County Police departments to provide a drug enforcement team	\$19,750
JUSTICE	Starke Teens Options Program – computerized program for teens on probation and their families	\$3,236
JUSTICE	Tobacco Compliance Checks for the sale of tobacco to minors	\$5,250
	JUSTICE TOTALS	\$28,236
	GRAND TOTAL	\$84,736

3. Description of Grant requirements and process

- The Starke County LCC requires groups wanting to submit grants have to attend at least 6 meeting per year.
- The Starke County LCC sends out the grant information to all groups that have meet the guide lines, which are due back by Nov. of that year.
- The grants are reviewed at the November meeting where information is provided by the requesting grant participant and questions can be asked by the full LCC counsel.
- A vote is taken on the participant and the amount requested. The participant is asked to leave the room prior to the vote being taken in order to allow a free speaking environment among the rest of the full LCC counsel.
- All groups are advised of denials, acceptances, and amounts awarded.
- A 6 month review sheet is requested back by July informing the LCC counsel of funds used at that point to continue monitoring of funds.
- All grants awarded are requested to fill out information on how the grant was used, if all monies were used, and or any changes that may have occurred. This is brought to the LCC counsel to review and to update information on problem statements.

4. Total number of dollar amount of grants

CATEGORY	GRANTS RECEIVED	DOLLARS REQUESTED	GRANTS APPROVED	DOLLARS APPROVED
Treatment	6		6	\$28,500
Prevention	13		13	\$28,000
Justice	3		3	\$28,236

TOTAL	22		22	\$84,736
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5. Administrative Expenses

Computer purchased	\$957.90
Red ribbon supply: Book mark, stickers, bracelets, ribbons and banners	\$1,480.06
Office supplies and binders	\$562.04
Total	\$3,000.00